* /252 cont./

756 They are very tractable, friendly, and in our cultural
156 terms we would say that they have a marvelous gift for dealing
157 with people.

● [886] When they grow old, they cease to perceive the signs.
[787] They believe that when a curer dies, his death is heralded
by thunder. They live in permanent tension to counter the
[821] attacks of sorcerers. At the slightest symptom, they go to their
[763] kachí to divine and to take the appropriate precautions. They
eat little so as not to sleep at night; they do not suffer from
insomnia. They refrain from sexual relations and from ají
during their treatments.

[731] They attract the entire concern of the community when
epidemics occur. The true curers, those conscious of their
profession, are temperate, engrossed in the fight against sick-
ness, and of a kindly disposition. They inspire trust and do
not show egoism; they readily explain the secrets of their pro-
fession.

* Competition among the Té eu. Some rivalry seems to
756 exist among the curers, and the natives even list the zones of
578 action of the curers. It is certain that a curer will boast of
having overpowered another in the latter's own area of practice.
A curer from Santa Rosa tells how he overpowered a colleague.

755 The informant went to give treatments to a white patient
* 756 at Alto de Atarraya. There he found another curer who was
578 giving remedies that were useless. The patient provided for
them very well, with abundant chicha and aguardiente. The
new arrival drank with care. His colleague had already eaten
the pork, but the patient was following /253/ him. The two
curers prepared to fight. The new curer took his tama and
his coca and at nine at night prepared to divine. His assisting
spirit told him that the other one had given false remedies.
Thus he had to learn the effective remedies. He discovered
that the harm had been done by a native servant girl, along with
some neighbors who did not like him. At once he called in
the cook in order to question her and make sure of what she had